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Remarks

Claims 1-19 were in the application as examined. By the present amendments, Applicant amends claim 1, cancels claims 2, 7, 12, 13, 18, and 19, and submits new claims 20-28. The specification is amended to render it consistent with the scope of the amended claims. No new matter is added to the claims or to the specification. Further consideration and examination is respectfully requested.

In effect, Applicant has incorporated the allowable subject matter of claims 7, 12, 13, 18, and 19, into claims 1 and 20, and canceled claim 2. These amendments are believed to render all of the rejections moot. The rejection of claim 2 under §112 is moot because claim 2 is canceled. The rejections under §§ 102 and 103 are also moot, because claim 1 now incorporates subject matter that the Examiner has deemed allowable. Moreover, new claims 20-28 are believed allowable because claim 20 incorporates subject matter that the Examiner has deemed allowable.

Inasmuch as all claims are now believed allowable, early notice of allowability is respectfully requested. Any questions about the foregoing can be directed to the undersigned and the Examiner is invited to resolve any remaining issues by telephone or by email.

Respectfully submitted,

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